

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the communication mailed January 4, 2005, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2 and 8. Claims 3 through 7 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected claims, but did comprise allowable subject matter.. Additionally, the Examiner objected to the specification as filed in that the status of U.S.S.N. 10/141,208 was not updated.

Upon entry of the instant amendment, the specification will be amended to update the status of U.S.S.N. 10/141,208. Such application is now abandoned.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which the applicants regard as their invention. Upon entry of the instant amendment, which deletes oxygen as a possible substituent for R¹ and cancellation of Claim 8, it is respectfully submitted that such amended claims comply fully with 35 U.S.C. §112.

The rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102, and the formality objection also for claim 8, is now moot in view of the cancellation of claim 8.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



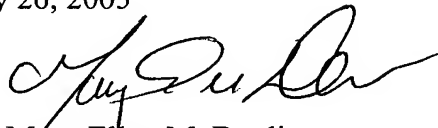
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